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Norfolk, Virginia – Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced that Timothy Carl Luken, age 38, of Norfolk, Virginia, was sentenced today by Judge Henry Coke Morgan, Jr. in U.S. District Court in Norfolk, Virginia, to 70 months incarceration, for his conviction for conspiracy to distribute Ecstasy, and 5-Methoxy-N,N-diisopropyltryptamine, known as "Foxy" and alpha-Methyltryptamine, known as AMT, "Foxy" and AMT are controlled substance analogues.

Luken was charged following a federal investigation by agents with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service and the Norfolk Police Department. On March 14, 2002, a federal search warrant was served at Luken's Norfolk residence where the drugs were being sold and used. Investigators seized substantial quantities of designer drugs, binding agents and a large tablet press during the investigation. He pled guilty on April 26, 2002.

In a related case a co-defendant, Michael Wolfe, also pled guilty to maintaining an apartment for the manufacture and distribution of controlled substance analogues. On July 8, 2002, he was sentenced by Judge Raymond A. Jackson to 48 months incarceration.

Assistant United States Attorney Laura P. Tayman prosecuted the case.